

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 390
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A RESOLUTION to honor Ms. Fannie Braden Walker on the
celebration of her 100th birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the elected representatives of the state of Tennessee should
recognize citizens who are celebrating milestones in their venerable lives; and

WHEREAS, Fannie Braden Walker celebrated her 100th birthday on March 28, 1997, an
occasion which was commemorated with great joy in remembering the past, giving thanks for
the present and eagerly anticipating the future; and

WHEREAS, the daughter of John and Julia Braden, Fannie was born in a house not far
from the Round Hill Missionary Baptist Church, where she has attended for 92 years; the church
was built in 1866 and is one of the oldest African American churches in Giles County; and

WHEREAS, raised on a farm near Lynnville, Fannie attended the Roger Williams
University in Nashville and the Agriculture and Industrial State College, now known as
Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, affectionately known as Mother Walker, she returned to Giles County in the
early 1920s to teach in elementary schools at Anthony Hill, Briar Ridge and Round Hill; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Walker, by her life of service, concern, and caring for others has
endeared herself to all who know her; and

WHEREAS, her Christian example, love of the Bible, which she reads and studies daily,
and her devotion to her Church serve as an inspiration for all; and

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WHEREAS, her spirit of humility and love of her neighbors makes her a truly revered and respected member of the Lynnville Community and all of Giles County, and

WHEREAS, Fannie's affiliation with the Round Hill Missionary Baptist is legendary, as she has documented all church activities since 1919, and continues to be a great source of inspiration to Reverend George Ridley, the church's pastor, Reverend Kenneth Duke, pastor at Willow Grove Missionary Baptist Church and a former member of Round Hill, as well as the entire church congregation; and

WHEREAS, her many lifelong accomplishments aside, Mrs. Walker is most appreciative of the love and support of her family, including her daughter, Isabell Lenora Marbury, who followed her mother in education and is retired from a teaching career in the Giles County School system; her daughter, Willie Mae Martin, Counselor for Student Support Services at Tennessee State University; her great-nephew, Joe Richardson; and countless other relatives and friends; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her two daughters, Mrs. Walker had two loving sons, Robert H. Walker, Jr. and John Thomas Walker, who are now deceased; and

WHEREAS, the members of this body find it appropriate to pause in their deliberations to specially recognize one of Tennessee's finest citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Mrs. Fannie Braden Walker on the celebration of her 100th birthday and extend to her our best wishes for much happiness in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation to Fannie with this final clause omitted from such copy.